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JSOU Future of SOF Forum Series on “Exploring SOF’s Identity” 15-16 March, 2021

Forum Director: Dr. Joseph Long, JSOU
Cross Functional Team (CFT) Lead: Mr. Mark Raney, JSOU

Day 1, 15 March 2021		
0900-0930	Welcome/Host Opening Remarks and brief description of the “SOF Strategic Landscape” and JSOU video production of the “Compound Security as a Theory of Next: What is Compound Security?” Introduction of the Keynote Session of GEN(Ret) David Petraeus, moderated by Dr. Ike Wilson, JSOU President	Dr. Joseph Long, JSOU
0930-1020	Keynote Panel featuring video of the “Compound Security Dilemma” followed by interview and discussion with GEN (Ret) David Petraeus	Dr. Isaiah “Ike” Wilson III, JSOU President and GEN (Ret) David Petraeus, USA
1020-1025	Break	
1025-1030	Introduction of Topic 1, SOF Utility	Dr. J. Long, JSOU
1030-1130	Topic 1, Session 1 – In the context of “Strategic Competition,” what is the utility of SOF for American strategic interests and for the DoD?	Moderator: Dr. I. Wilson, JSOU Dr. Thomas X. Hammes, NDU Ms. Stephanie Funk, USAID SGM Christopher Vasatka, PO, JSOU
1130-1135	Break	All
1135-1230	Topic 1, Session 2 - How does SOF's identity promote or prevent strategic effects in the future operating environment? What is distinct and peculiar about SOF and SOF operations? How do we frame this distinction as being elite, better or different?	Moderator: Dr. David Ellis, JSOU CW5 Maurice Duclos, PhD, USSOCOM Mr. Peter Belk, D/J5, USSOCOM COL John Sannes, 7 th SFG CDR
1230-1315	Lunch	All
1315-1320	Introduction of Topic 2, SOF Ethical Considerations	Dr. J. Long, JSOU
1320-1440	Topic 2, Session 1 - What makes SOF ethics distinct and peculiar to ethics in other aspects of the DoD and US Government?	Moderator: Dr. J. Long, JSOU MCPO Brad Rhineland, PhD, JSOU Dr. C. Anthony Pfaff, War College SSI (V) Dr. Jeffrey McIlwain, SDSU
1440-1445	Break	All
1445-1600	Topic 2, Session 2 – How can SOF forces manage ethical decision-making in complex and decentralized SOF environments? How do the proposed SOF ethical truths help SOF reimagine the professional SOF ethic?	Moderator: Dr. Kari Thyne, JSOU Dr. Kevin Basik, Basik Insight LLC Dr. John E. Caterson, JSOU/SOCH Mr. John Labuz, JSOFSEA
1600-1605	Break	All
1605-1620	Topic 1 and 2 concepts summary	JSOU Faculty Rapporteurs
1620-1630	Day 1 closeout and final comments	Dr. J. Long, JSOU

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Day 2, 16 March 21		
0900-0905	Introduction of Topic 3, SOF’s Relationship with Technology	Dr. J. Long, JSOU
0905-1015	Topic 3, Session 1 – In the context of SOF utility, what role does technology play in SOF?	Moderator: Dr. Mark Grzegorzewski, JSOU COL Hise Gibson, DBA, USMA Ms. Leslie Babich, Dir SOFWERX Mr. Joe McLaine, General Motors
1015-1025	Break	All
1025-1135	Topic 3, Session 2 – In considering SOF utility and the SOF truth that “Humans are more important than hardware,” what are the limits of technology in SOF operations? How do we distinguish between problems that involve technology and problems that involve people?	Moderator: Dr. William. Knarr, JSOU Dr. Matt Zais, VP Gov Affairs, HKN Energy COL Mark Zais, USSOCOM Dr. Peter Singer, Strategist MAJ Mark Nutsch, 20 th SFG
1135-1230	Lunch (Video of Dr. Lyall Interview)	All
1230-1235	Introduction of Topic 4, Diversity & Inclusion in SOF	Dr. J. Long, JSOU
1235-1345	Topic 4, Session 1 – Given the context of SOF utility, what is the impact on Diversity & Inclusion in SOF regarding mission success?	Moderator: Dr. Karla Mastracchio, JSOU Dr. Jason Lyall, Dartmouth Mr. Mike. Clark (R), SF, JSOU Dr. Rachel Yon, USMA
1345-1350	Break	All
1350-1500	Topic 4, Session 2 – How might organizational culture hinder or facilitate efforts to promote Diversity & Inclusion?	Moderator: Dr. Chris Marsh, JSOU CPT Shaye Haver, MDW COL Candace Pipes, SOCOM J1 Dr. Susan Harmeling, USC/Marshall
1500-1510	Break	All
1510-1600	Closeout Discussion - Foresighting the future of SOF: A Conversation	Moderator: B. Rhineland, PhD, JSOU COL Ed Croot, SF, CoS 1 st SFC LTC Sharon Engelmeier, PO LTC Samuel Hayes, PhD, CA
1600-1630	“Exploring SOF’s Identity Forum” final comments	Dr. I. Wilson, JSOU VADM Timothy Szymanski, DCDR USSOCOM

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